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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES TIME IS RIPE TO PROCEED WITH FORMAL PROPOSAL TO JAPAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT BLUE RIBBON REVIEW PANEL TO SURVEY TOTALITY OF U. S.- JAPAN S& T RELATIONSHIPS WITH A VIEW TO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING COOPERATION AND EXAMINING EFFICACY OF PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. REVIEW WOULD COVER PRESENT PROGRAMS SUCH AS COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM, NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM AND COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM; AND AGENCY- TO- AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS NOT SUBSUMED UNDER ONE OF THE ABOVE.

2. PRIOR TO SENDING FORMAL COMMUNICATION, PROBABLY SECRETARY OF STATE TO FOREIGN MINISTER, EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORMALLY ASCERTAIN DIRECTION OF CURRENT GOJ THINKING. IN APPROACHING FONMIN, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS:

- A) USG ATTACHES HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO EXISTING COOPERATION;
- B) IN PROPOSING REVIEW, USG SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE COOPERATION;
- C) USG NOT COMMITTED TO ANY SPECIFIC RESULT OF REVIEW, WHICH, AS WE SEE IT, COULD RESULT IN RECOMMENDATION FOR UMBRELLA AGREEMENT COVERING ALL S& T RELATIONSHIPS, RETENTION OF STATUS QUO, OR SOMETHING IN BETWEEN.

INFORM GOJ US BELIEVES TASK BEST ACCOMPLISHED BY SMALL GROUP WITH 3 TO 5 MEMBERS ON US SIDE DRAWN FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS. ANTICIPATE STUDY WOULD REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS.

3. PRESENT PROGRAMS WERE DESIGNED FOR PURPOSE OF BENEFITTING PEOPLE OF JAPAN AND US, AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT ON- GOING PROGRAMS WOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION NORMALLY WHILE STUDY UNDERWAY.

4. ACTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT NEED NOT BE HELD UP WHILE OVERALL REVIEW TAKES PLACE. ENVIRONMENT IS AREA IN WHICH BOTH SIDES NOW AGREE THERE IS NEED FOR NEW AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS.

5. ALSO, FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF INCREASED COOPERATION IN ENERGY R& D SHOULD PROCEED WITHOUT AWAITING PANEL' S RECOMMENDATIONS. DEPT. WILL RESPOND SOON ON PROPOSALS

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6. RE PARA 5, REF B, CONCUR THAT REVIEW PANEL MEMBERSHIP SHOULD NOT BE DRAWN FROM THOSE INVOLVED WITH PRESENT PROGRAMS. ONCE WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT REVIEW, FIRST MEETING OF REVIEW PANEL WILL NO DOUBT BE PRECEDED BY PERIOD OF INTENSIVE STUDY IN EACH COUNTRY. LOCATION OF FIRST MEETING CAN PERHAPS BE DETERMINED WHEN INITIAL STUDIES COMPLETED.

7. IF GOJ CONCURS, FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO FOREIGN MINISTER CAN BE SENT FORWARD VERY SOON, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORMATION OF REVIEW PANEL COULD BE INCORPORATED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT TIME OF TANAKA VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

8. WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING ABOVE PROPOSALS WITH EMBASSY REPS HERE AS THEY HAVE ASKED TO BE BRIEFED BEFORE WE MAKE FORMAL PROPOSAL TO TOKYO. ROGERS

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